

SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF THE ENHANCING MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION THROUGH CAMPUS PLANNING ACT AND THE CAMPUS PREVENTION AND RECOVERY FOR STUDENTS ACT OF 2022

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of legislation to address the mental health and substance use needs of our college students. Our Nation continues to struggle with adequately meeting these needs, resulting in devastating consequences for too many of our constituents.

Milwaukee has long been a magnet for higher education. Students from across the globe enter our city to attend any of our twelve colleges and universities. When students enroll, we must offer them the support they need to attend and successfully complete their education. This includes those who need additional physical health, mental health, and substance misuse services during this exciting yet trying time of life.

We know the need for mental health and substance misuse services is increasing in our communities. It is critical that we take steps to protect the mental health of all Americans, especially our college students. Across the country, young adults struggling with mental health and addiction lack access to the quality, on-campus treatment they desperately need. With an average of 1,100 suicides on campuses each year, suicide is currently the number two leading cause of death among college students.

Today, I am proud to join my colleagues in supporting the passage of H.R. 5407, the Enhancing Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Through Campus Planning Act, and H.R. 6493, the Campus Prevention and Recovery for Students Act. These bills will fund programs that better support students on our college campuses.

The Enhancing Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Through Campus Planning Act would authorize federal support to encourage campuses to establish comprehensive, evidence-based mental health and suicide prevention programs that meet their student populations' diverse and urgent needs.

Such plans would consider existing Federal and State efforts to address mental health and suicide prevention at higher education institutions. They must also align with existing federal and state programs, including those authorized under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

The Campus Prevention and Recovery for Students Act would mandate all college campuses receiving federal funding or participating in the federal student loan program to have in place evidence-based programs and policies that prevent alcohol and substance misuse by students and school employees.

The legislation would also increase authorized funding (to \$15 million annually) for federal grants, allowing institutions of higher education to implement and support evidence-based programs (including programs to improve access to treatment, referral for treatment services, or crisis intervention services)

that eliminate illegal substance use, decrease substance misuse, and improve public health and safety for students. Universities may utilize these funds for a range of new activities, including recovery support services, peer-to-peer counseling, and integration of campus-based health services that coordinate screening, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of mental, behavioral, and substance use disorders.

Our students are struggling. In my home state of Wisconsin, opioid misuse outnumbered national trends by half a percent. According to data from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, 3.5 percent of Wisconsin youth admit to misusing opioids. Implementing the measures outlined in these bills will help our schools and educators provide much-needed support to millions of college students throughout the country, including an estimated 68,000 in the Milwaukee area.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PELL GRANT

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Pell Grant Program.

This program is aimed at ensuring that the door of educational opportunity is open to all students seeking higher education—regardless of economic background or income. The federal investment in Pell Grants is targeted to students with demonstrated financial need, with most families at incomes of \$40,000 or less. The investment pays off by increasing college completion and economic mobility. It's a legacy that I'm committed to protecting and expanding so that future generations can continue to reach their educational goals free from financial barriers or undue cost burdens.

For me, personally, this is also an important program. My folks were schoolteachers, and I could not have gone to college if it hadn't been for the help of my community and the assistance of financial aid. I look at education as the door to opportunity for a lot of families—including mine—and it's clear that financial aid is the key to that door.

Since the creation of the Pell Grant, more than 80 million students have felt the impact of this program firsthand. Last year, Pell Grants benefited 5,419 students attending our local colleges in the district that I have the honor of representing. At the University of Washington, more than 10,000 students across the university system are Pell recipients. Furthermore, at Washington State University, 26.9 percent of enrolled undergraduate students across the university system were eligible to receive a Pell Grant this past Fall.

As we recognize today as the 50-year mark of the Pell Grant program, I encourage all of us to not only celebrate this milestone, but to recognize the current students and successful graduates who have benefited from the program by telling their stories, encouraging the same access for future students, and resolving to continue support for this vital program for the next 50 years and beyond.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the bipartisan resolution

declaring June 23, 2022, National Pell Grant Day this year.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. HOLDER C. ESTES

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the life and outstanding service of World War II veteran Holder C. Estes. Mr. Estes was born on July 5, 1919, to Eli Hugh "E.H." and Lillian Jones Estes. His siblings were Fred Estes and Hoyle Estes. After the death of his first wife, E.H. married Verble Dozier on June 3, 1935. She had one son, Harold Sullins. Together, they had Joe Howard Estes, Margie Estes Cook, Maynor Estes Blackburn, Martha Estes Draper, Willie Gene Estes, Tommy Estes, Geneva Estes Melko, Hugh Allen Estes, Mary Estes Hallman, Robert Estes, and Janice Estes.

On August 29, 1936, Mr. Holder Estes married Mary Ruth Brooks. They had four children, Cecil Estes, Charlie Estes, Jimmy Estes, and Brenda Estes Spearman.

In life, Mr. Estes was a retired contractor and a brick mason for 35 years. He served as the treasurer for the Brick Masons-Plaster Union and was a former member of the Lee County School Board. Mr. Estes was also a member of the Eggville Church of Christ. Prior to this death, he was a member of the East Main Church of Christ.

Mr. Estes served his country in the U.S. Army from June 28, 1944, until February 9, 1946. He fought in World War II with honor and pride. His commitment to serving our great nation earned him the American Campaign Medal, the European-Africa-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the World War II Victor Medal, the Honorable Service Lapel Button WWII, and the Marksman Badge with Rifle Bar.

Mr. Estes' medals and ribbons could not be found after his death. At the request of his sister, Mary Hallman, the office of U.S. Representative Trent Kelly submitted a request for replacement medals to the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC). We were honored to present the medals to members of Mr. Estes' family during a ceremony held at the Eggville Church of Christ.

Mr. Estes was a true hero who served our great Nation. He will always be remembered as a man who loved God, country, and family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KWEISI MFUME

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Mr. MFUME. Madam Speaker, I rise today to explain how I would have voted on Roll Call Number 289, which was up for consideration on June 22, 2022. During the time I was on and off the floor last night, I discussed many bills and letters with my colleagues. In the midst of these discussions, I missed the opportunity to vote on H.R. 6538, a bill under the suspension of the rules. Had I been present,